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1. "The Minister for Economic Planning of the Provincial Government of the Province of Brandenburg, Heinrich Rau, issues the following appeal, addressed to the new settlers, old farmers, and the residents of town and country.
2. "Now that the estates of the reactionaries have been divided up it has become of paramount importance that the new farmers be settled so that there will be a resultant increase in the work and production of the country.
3. "The improvement in the food situation which we seek can only be achieved if we all work harder; this in turn can only be fully realized if the new settler is not only a laborer on his own soil, but learns to manage a farm.
4. "It is of paramount importance that, as a first step in the program of helping new farmers, 5,000 new farms be set up in the Province of Brandenburg in 1947. The situation in regard to construction materials, transportation, and labor market, as well as the necessity of economizing in the entire economic field, require that the utmost economy be exercised when determining the size of the new settlements.
5. "For this reason, it is planned to build, as far as possible, 'expandable temporary homes for new farmers', which, in the first phase, will have modest living and farm building space, but which, in their final stage, will meet all requirements as to modern and spacious living accommodations and farm buildings. In consideration of this measure, which is to be regarded as a 'first aid', the quantities of construction materials will be determined according to a uniform plan and will be limited for each new settlement.

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6. "The new farmers are, however, free to erect a larger building immediately, in accordance with the village plan, with the allocated material, either by adopting a different type of construction or by using additional supplies of other types of construction material available, provided that the money is available and that the new settler can furnish his own labor. If the plan for the settlement of farmers is to succeed, the new and old farmers must help each other and contribute their work, and all circles and all classes must lend a helpful hand. It is the imperative duty of all agencies concerned to call for volunteers, to set up groups of volunteers in town and country, to call for construction material, to organize transport columns, and to make certain that the workers find housing facilities.
7. "The political parties, the trade unions, and the Farmers' Mutual Assistance Society (Vereinigung der gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe) must cooperate and see to it that justice is done. It is necessary that all artisans and workers in town and country be aware of the importance of this gigantic task, which is part of the reconstruction of the country; may everyone of them, wherever he is called upon, give his help wholeheartedly and reprimand those who fail in their task, without distinction.
8. "It is the duty of all government agencies, whatever their function and wherever they may be located, to promote the settler program to the fullest in a democratic way, and above all to advise and explain to the new settlers the building plans and other documents which will be distributed in the next few weeks.
9. "The plans relating to the layout of villages are being drawn up by a number of architects. Their first concern has been the appropriate placing of farms and fields; however, the architects have been requested to make certain that the settlers' houses for which plans have already been drawn up will fit into the German landscape.
10. "It is especially expected that the resident farmers will cooperate voluntarily and unselfishly with the new settlers, so that the planning of the villages will proceed in such a way as to satisfy not only the agricultural requirements, but will also do justice to the landscape.
11. "We are on the eve of the last settler program, which is of decisive importance in the food situation, as well as in the economy and the beauty of the country.
12. "May each one of us not only fulfill his duty, but be aware of his responsibility toward his fellow countrymen, so that out of the suffering of today, out of our hopes for the morrow, we may create the good things to come."

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